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According unconfirmed press reports, Guatemalan police, after arresting, beating and robbing Ruben Villatoro UNTL president placed him across border near Tapachula, Mexico, without money or documents. Arrest and expulsion apparently effected with complete disregard for legal formalities. Fate other arrested UNTL leaders unknown but press speculates they may have been expelled across other borders. Families all arrested labor leaders said to be unable obtain any information from police.

Robert Alexander, Rutgers University, planning arrange AF of L to make public protest about incident. Suggest Fishburn, ARA, promptly notify him this development.

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